

Accident prone stretches of National Highways

2102. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have identified the specific stretches of the National highways in the Country particularly in Andhra Pradesh which are accident prone;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have or proposed to have a permanent fleet of ambulances and cranes to help the accident victims on National Highways; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Identification of stretches prone to road accidents is a continuing process. One such site at Km. 154 of NH 4 near Chittoor has been identified in Andhra Pradesh. Remedial action is being taken to improve the geometrics at this site.

(c) and (d) Under scheme of National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme, Government of India provides cranes and ambulances to NGOs/State Governments.

Moradabad By-Pass Project

2103. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has successfully completed the first phase of the 18 km. Moradabad by-pass project located on NH-24 through the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) mechanism;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that NHAI proposes to create more SPVs, specially created companies with a view to have new financing route for executing the ambitious Rs. 60,000 crore National Highways Development Project; and